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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2007. A petition for a 3-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action is being made concurrently herewith via the EFS-web thereby moving the deadline for response from January 9, 2008 to April 9, 2008.